

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claim 1-9 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:
3. Claim 1 and 6 recite a two-sided in-mold decoration die wherein two decorating films pass perpendicularly to each between two cavities of a mold. The claimed mold cavity is configured with a protruding section adjacent a passing film in a non-passing region of the film to allow for resin to be injected between the two films while preventing the overflow of resin from the runners. The closest prior art represented by Watanabe et al. (JP 2003-053779, of record) discloses a two-side in-mold decoration die with two films passing perpendicular to each other. Watanabe does not teach or suggest a protruding section as claimed and it would not have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art to include such a feature in the mold.
4. Claims 2-5 and 7-9 are dependent upon claims 1 and 6.
5. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ROBERT DYE whose telephone number is (571)270-7059. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday 8:00AM to 5:00 PM EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph S. Del Sole can be reached on (571)272-1130. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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